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) AND RELATED METHODS
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In re Application of

HOWARD M. KINGSTON

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The present Amendment was submitted under date of February 6, 2002 in Serial No. 09/015,469, but in the Advisory Action mailed March 13, 2002, was not entered. As this Amendment follows the Examiner's suggestions in respect of claim 1, the sole independent claim, it is respectfully submitted that it renders the application allowable. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 4.

Rewrite claims 1 and 10 as follows.